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SUBJECT:ROC SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REF: A. STATE 42777; B. TAIPEI 3962

1. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE (SAPRC) IS NOW CONSIDERING COUNTRY PROGRAMS FOR FY 76 AND OUTYEARS. AT SAPRC WORKING GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, ONLY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL RAISED REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN ROC PROGRAM WAS TO REDUCE FMS PLANNING FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEARS 76 THROUGH 78 FROM \$80 MILLION, \$35 MILLION AND \$20 MILLION RESPECTIVELY (REF A, PARA 2C) TO \$70 MILLION, \$30 MILLION AND \$15 MILLION. PROPOSED CUTS REFLECT VIEW THAT TREND TOWARD AUSTERE CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING FMS, IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO CONTINUE, AND THAT PLANNING SHOULD REALISTICALLY TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT.

2. BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER WITH THIS PROPOSAL, WOULD APPRECIATE COUNTRY TEAM'S COMMENTS ON EFFECT SUCH CUTS WOULD HAVE ON PROJECTS LISTED IN PARA 15 OF ENBASSY'S LATEST SECURITY ASSESSMENT (REF B). WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT PROJECTS WOULD BE AFFECTED, TO WHAT DEGREE, ANY IMPACT CUTS MIGHT HAVE ON ROC FORCE
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MODERNIZATION OBJECTIVES, AND DEGREE TO WHICH US INTERESTS

MIGHT BE AFFECTED. RESPONSE NEEDED IN WASHINGTON BY COB OCT. 4.
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